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## FROM THE TOWN BRASS

On July 3rd the Mayor and six newly elected councillors of the town of St. Albert met for their first official meeting in the beautifully appointed Council Chamber of the Town Hall. Mr. Gordon Parkes, Secretary-Manager of the Town administered the oath of office to Mayor Wm. Veness, and then to each Councillor. Following his assumption of office, Mr. Veness gave an address of welcome to his new Council. He stressed the need for unity, without which the future of St. Albert would be poor indeed. "Let the people who have chosen us have confidence in us" he said. "I would like to remind you of the last five years during which St. Albert was governed by a Board of Administrators, very important years because the foundation was then laid for the future St. Albert. Our first duty should be to become acquainted with every facet of the town administration. Contact with every department is a necessity. We need to take inventory of what we already have." He further stated that "We have operated as a Council with a Secretary-Manager. Before considering making any changes in this method of government, we should study the different forms of civic administration which might suit our needs." He stressed that once decisions have been made by Council, all members should back them, even though such decisions might not have been unanimous. "You should stand close behind your Council" he said.

A member of the former Board, Mr. Kennedy, was an interested spectator and Mr. Veness thanked him for his years of fine work and the contribution he had made. He asked Mr. Kennedy to convey to Messrs Porter and Shogren the other Government members of the former board, his thanks for their work in that capacity.

Mr. Veness suggested that Mr. G. Parkes explain the present state of the development of St. Albert, using the fine illuminated map in the Council Chamber for this purpose.

Motions passed included one appointing Mr. Loyd Wheatling Deputy Mayor. Another set the date and time of Council meetings as the second and fourth Mondays of each month, from 6:30 to 11:00 p.m., with a half hour "coffee break". By motion of Council the Bank of Montreal will continue to handle the town's banking accounts.

## A WORD OF APPRECIATION

The last meeting of the Board of Administrators (under the New Towns Act) was held on June 25th. The main item of business was the approval of the budget with the good news that the mill rate was set three mills lower than in 1961. (In next issue you will find a complete resume of the 1962 budget)

The four years that St. Albert has operated under the New Towns Act were probably the most important period in its history. In that four years we have seen its development from a static small town to a dynamic new community of over 5,000 souls. During that time the administration of the Town's business was in the capable hands of a progressive Board of Administrators, four of whom were locally elected and three representative of Government Departments, together with a Secretary Manager of outstanding ability. We would like to express to these men our thanks for a job well done.

ST. ALBERT CIVIC ELECTIONS, JUNE 27, 1962.

## INTERESTING FIGURES

Mayor William Veness can be sure of unanimous support from his new council who like himself were all candidates sponsored by the Civic Electors' Association. We hope that this Civic Electors team will guide St. Albert in the way ahead as a progressive independent town, rich in history, with a great future. It must be an honor to be Mayor or Councillor of a town with so many possibilities.

May our citizens give to their new Mayor and Councillors the support which they have every right to expect after their brilliant victory at the polls.

Next week we hope to be able to comment more fully on various aspects of the problems with which the council will be faced. This week we only pause to bring you a few interesting figures.

## DETAILED RESULTS OF VOTING

Candidate	Grandin Park	Sturgeon Heights	Mission Advance	Total	Percentage
de Bruijn, J.	189	235	401	832	64%
Stewart, Dr. D.	219	170	428	823	63%
Wheatling, L.	213	154	442	816	62.5%
Skrabot, Dr. W.	165	141	462	777	59%
Montpetit, B.L.	117	126	468	718	55%
Powell, E.	152	145	393	697	53%
Getma, J.C.	182	168	167	521	40%
Cuts, Dr. W.D.	221	114	156	493	38%
Dobbie, J.	174	115	103	397	30%
Sollianych, A.	186	83	103	374	29%
Donais, A.	139	59	149	349	27%
Meleshko, J.	91	69	147	311	24%
Tucker, F.	32	41	48	123	9%
Andrews, A.	45	17	41	104	8%

## ANALYSIS OF VOTES CAST.

Poll	Number of Votes	Number on Voters' List	Percentage who Voted
Mission, Bresside and Downtown	610	1171	52.1%
Grandin Park	367	837	46.2%
Sturgeon Heights	297	612	48.5%
TOTAL	1294	2620	49.4%

Last fall the Percentage of votes cast in the Civic Election was 47.2, giving an increase of 2.2% in this election.

CIVIC ELECTORS' ASSOCIATION CANDIDATES polled 64% of Total Votes.

It came as a surprise that John deBruijn topped the polls with 64%, as an accountant, previously unknown to most of our citizens. He was backed, not

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only by the Civic Electors' Association, but also by another group, which may have accounted for this high percentage.

Second was Dr. Stewart with 63%. He is well and favorably known throughout the community, particularly after his successful struggle to obtain fluoridation of our water supply.

Third was Lloyd Wheatling with 62.5%. As the only member of the retiring Board of Administrators seeking election, his high percentage was a tribute to their work.

Fourth, Dr. A. Skrabat, received a very strong support from the downtown poll. He is a resident of Mission Park, served by that poll, as is Mr. B. Montpetit who came fifth in the percentage of votes received.

The sixth man was Ed Powell, a well known resident and prominent Lion.



*First official meeting of St. Albert's new Council.*

*Sitting from left: Montpetit, Mayor William Vorens, Ed Powell, Standing from left: Gordon, Farmer, Jean, Manager, Wheatling, Dr. Stewart, Dr. Skrabat, John DeBruin.*

CFRN 3 TV PIANIST

Albert McCalla, pianist, will be presenting a program of works by Beethoven on Teen Scene Recital, from 4:00 - 4:30 Sunday, July 8 over CFRN 3 TV.



*Councillor John DeBruin takes the oath of office, administered by retiring Councillor, Mr. Gordon Farmer.*

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# civic electors association

## CARD OF THANKS

The executive of the Civic Electors Association would like to thank all those who assisted them in any way during the recent Town Election.

Our special thanks to those who supported our candidates at the polls.

## \*\*\*\*\* CARD OF THANKS

Jim Dobbie and Alex Sollanych wish to thank all those who gave their support at the polls last Wednesday, and a special thanks to those who also gave their help in campaigning.

## THANK YOU

I wish to thank my many friends for the much appreciated support in the recent Civic Election.

Sincerely yours,  
*Chris Gates*

## THANK YOU!

I wish to thank the Electors of St. Albert for the support they gave me on June 27. I should also like to thank the Civic Electors' Association for sponsoring me. My deepest gratitude to my fellow C. E. A. candidates and all the rest of the people who worked so hard on my behalf, without their efforts my victory would not have been possible.

Sincerely,  
JOHN deBRUIJN

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